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CHEROKEE FOR DR BRZEZINSKI ONLY

FOLLOWING REPEAT LAGOS 12887 ACTION SECSTATE DATED NOV 07:

QTE: S E C C F T L

GOS 12887

NODIS/CHEROKEE FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: (OVIP, CARTER)

SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL TRIP

RDF: STATE 265898

1. IN JOE GARBA'S ABSENCE (OUT OF TOWN) I CALLED ON PROTOCOL CHIEF BALEWA TO CONVFY CONTENTS REFTEL. (BALEWA HAS MORE READY ACCESS TO OBASANJO ON MATTERS OF OHIS NATURE ANYWAY.& BEFORE I HAD A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN MY MISSION, BALEWA RELATED THS ANGUISHED PHONE CALL HE HAD RECEIVED FROM OBASANJO WHEN AMBASSADOR MUSA HAD DELIVERED PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE ON THE POSTPONEMENT OF HIS VISIT. BALEWA HAD GONE TO SEE OBASANJO

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IMMEDIATELY. OBASANJO REITERATED HIS DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE POSTPONEMENT. OBASANJO THEN TOLD BALEWA THAT HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE COMPELLING NATURE OF THE REASONS FOR THE POSTPONEMENT BUT FEARED THAT A FRENCH RADIO REPORT (TO THE EFFECT THAT EUROPEAN PORTIONS OF THE VISIT MIGHT IN FACT NOT BE POSTPONED) WOULD MAKE THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE LAGOS VISIT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE NIGERIAN PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND.

2. IT WAS THUS WITH IMMENSE RELIEF THAT BALEWA RECEIVED
REFTEL'S NEWS. HE SAID HE KNEW OBASANJO WOULD BE EXTREMELY
GRATIFIED. HE WOULD CONTACT HIM IMMEDIATELY AND LET ME
KNOW. HE THOUGHT THE PROPOSED DATES WOULD WORK ALTHOUGH
OF COURSE IT WOULD BE UP TO THB HEAD OF STATE TO MAKE THE
DECISION. HE FELT OBLIGED TO TELL ME, HOWEVER, THAT "IT
WOULD MJKS IT MUCH EASIER FOR US IF THE PRESIDENT COULD
STAY W LITTLE BIT LONGER - WE REALLY MUST TAKE HIM TO THE
NORTH." EASUM UNQTE VANCE

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